

Assembly Bill No. 1719

CHAPTER 723

An act to add Section 48003 to, and to add and repeal Section 46116 of, the Education Code, relating to kindergarten.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1719, Weber. Kindergarten: evaluation and annual reporting.

Existing law provides that school districts offering kindergarten may maintain kindergarten classes at different schoolsites for different lengths of time.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide the Legislature no later than July 1, 2017, with an evaluation of kindergarten program implementation in the state, including part-day and full-day kindergarten programs, as specified. The bill would make these provisions operative only upon an appropriation by the Legislature for these purposes.

The bill would require a local educational agency, commencing with the 2015–16 school year, to provide an annual report to the State Department of Education that contains information on the type of kindergarten program offered by the local educational agency, as provided, in a manner determined by the department. By expanding the duties of a local educational agency, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 46116 is added to the Education Code, to read:

46116. (a) No later than July 1, 2017, the Superintendent shall provide the Legislature with an evaluation of kindergarten program implementation in the state, including part-day and full-day kindergarten programs. The evaluation shall include recommended best practices for providing full-day kindergarten programs.

(b) The evaluation shall include a sample of local educational agencies' full day and part-day kindergarten programs from across the state. It is the intent of the Legislature that this sample be representative of the diversity

of the state, and shall include both urban and rural and small and large local educational agencies within school districts.

(c) The report required pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall not become operative until the Legislature makes an appropriation for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or in any other statute.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2017, and, as of January 1, 2018, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 48003 is added to the Education Code, to read:

48003. Commencing with the 2015–16 school year, a local educational agency shall provide an annual report to the State Department of Education that contains information on the type of kindergarten program offered by the local educational agency, including part-day, full-day, or both, in a manner determined by the department.

SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.